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Electronic camera system with detachable printer.

A compact, handheld portable electronic imaging system (10) including both an electronic imaging camera (12) and hard copy printer (14) are separately housed with respect to each other and readily interconnectable with respect to each other for use either in combination or apart. Means for storing (80) electronic images may be connected to the camera and/or printer housings so that when used apart image defining electronic image information signals may be initially directed for storage by the electronic imaging camera (12) and the storage device (80) thereafter connected to the printer (14) for the making of hard copies therefrom. Alternatively, the electronic imaging camera (12) and printer (14) may be used in combination to provide an immediate hard copy of the image sensed in a manner analogous to that of an instant photographic camera of the self-processing type.

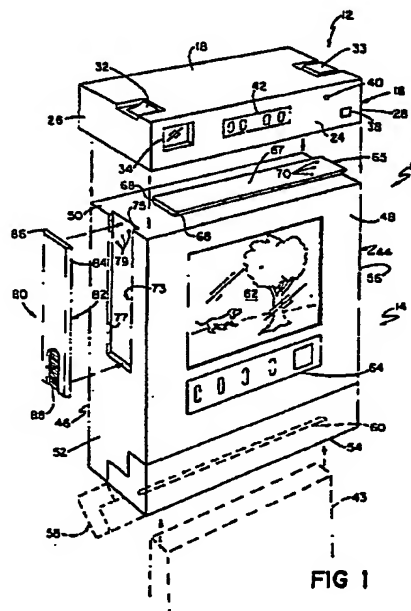


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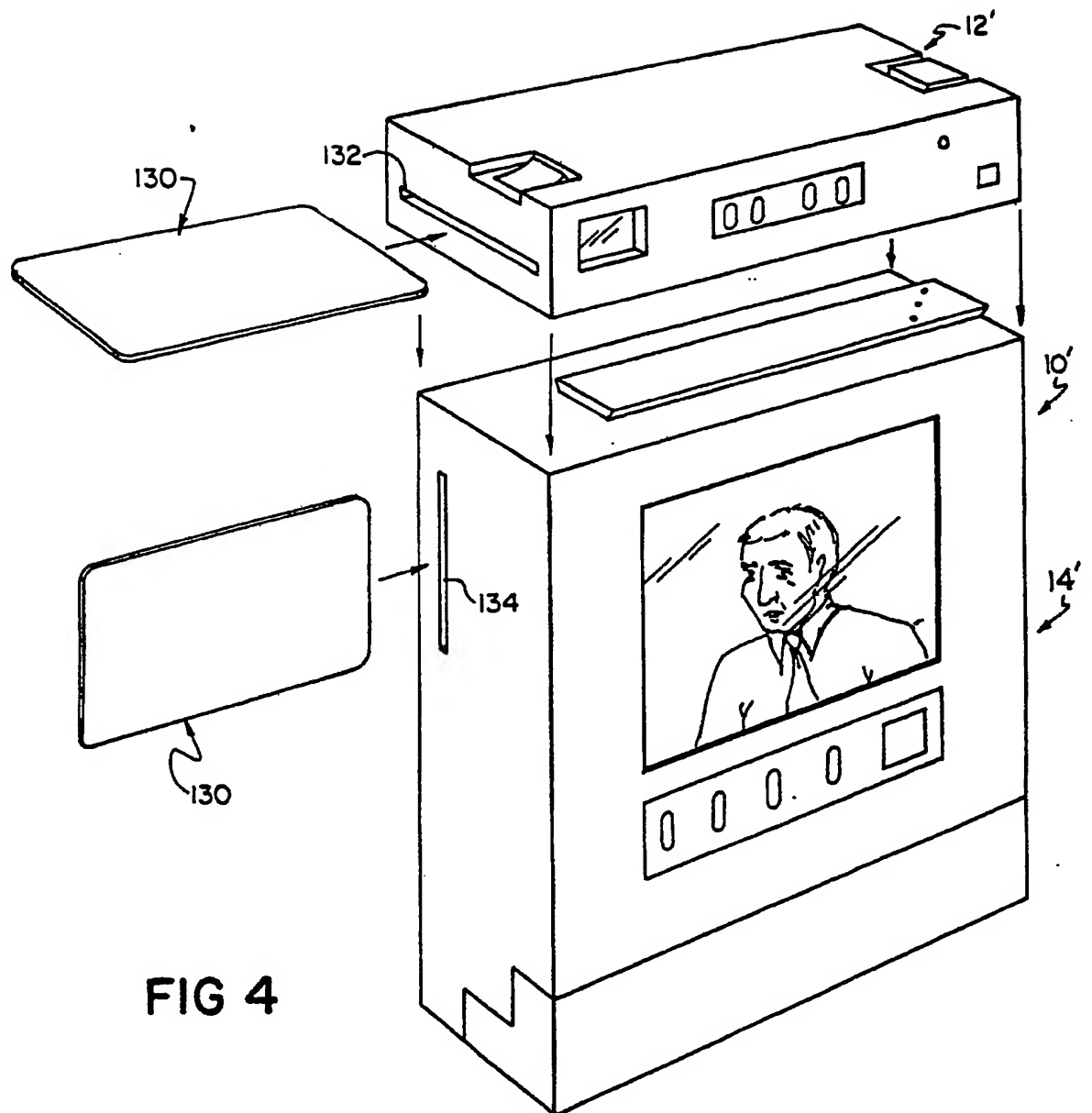


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